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Applicants:

Lance FitzGerald et al.

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Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

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- (X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.
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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action mailed on September 17, 2003.

Please enter the following amendments to the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.